

New 'Pulse' App to Build a More Mentally Fit, Less Toxic & More Profitable Workforce

First-of-its-kind workplace wellness app to stem staff stress, combat toxic culture and improve employee wellbeing, while helping thwart revenue erosion

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, June 29, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- New Gallup findings from their latest annual global update determined, among other ominous results, that stress, sadness and worry have all inched higher worldwide—pushing Gallup's Negative Experience Index to yet another new high.

Our career lives are certainly suffering in kind. On the heels of its artificial intelligence (AI), Metaverse and interactive 3D virtual employee training and simulation deployments, global

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leadership development and training company Fierce, Inc. is again changing the way people communicate with each other and address workplace stress. This time via the visionary company's new "Pulse" app poised to refine—and redefine—workplace culture, while also notably boosting bottom lines. With the ability to demonstrate double-digit reductions in stress and anxiety, as well as improved resilience levels, Pulse is designed to address the stressors today's pressure-laden business climate is causing on industry's collective staff psyche.

The Problem

"Beyond the increasingly tumultuous economic, political, supply chain—and other macro—issues companies and its employees are grappling with, handheld technologies and better equipped home, remote and on-site offices have made people more readily accessible—all resulting in greater demands for work participation and productivity," notes Dr. Gabe De La Rosa, Chief

Behavioral Science Officer for Fierce Inc. "Uptime or 'on time' expectations are contributing to higher stress levels as downtime—that is the time to relax, enjoy family and friends and explore hobbies that might help to moderate those stress levels—continues to shrink. The toll for that is being paid on multiple fronts—emotional, psychological, physical, operational and fiscal."

It has been well-proven that workplace stress severely undermines productivity, efficiency and morale. Now, in the post-pandemic era, employees are struggling that much more as are companies striving to adapt to, and aptly address, employees' changing needs. In this



vicious cycle, hundreds of billions of dollars of revenue is being lost—a situation that's avoidable if duly addressed. One notable cost-of-illness study estimated that "the cost of work-related stress ranged from U.S. \$221 million to upward of U.S. \$187 billion..." A more inclusive analysis



A leader's best friend is visibility, and Pulse is perhaps the biggest innovation in employee engagement in many years—one helping leaders see & address what otherwise would be difficult to detect."

Edward Beltran, Fierce
Communications CEO

conducted by the American Institute of Stress found that after including factors such as absenteeism, turnover, diminished productivity, increased medical costs and increased legal costs, the total economic impact of stress to U.S. employers was estimated at \$300 billion.

The Solution

For 20 years, Fierce has been challenging companies and those who lead them to have the kind of dialogue that drives cultures of transparency—a philosophy that prompted Fierce founder Susan Scott's first book, "Fierce Conversations," to sell more than 800,000 copies while propelling her second book, "Fierce Leadership," to

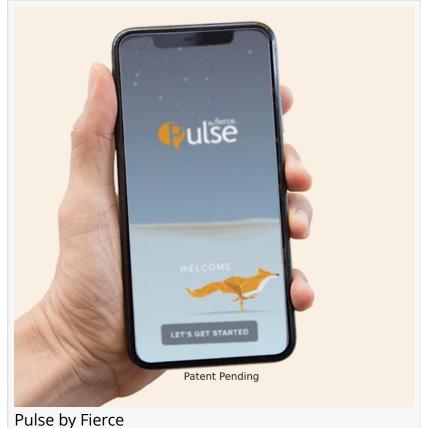
become a New York Times, USA Today and Wall Street Journal best seller.

Today, Fierce, Inc. CEO Ed Beltran and Dr. De La Rosa have parlayed the idea that "the conversation is the culture" to develop the ground-breaking Pulse app—a technological solution affectionately coined "The Fitbit of Corporate America." It's in that spirit Pulse strives to build a mentally fit workforce and shore up financial fitness in kind.

Early data from the Pulse app, which is now available for <u>early registration</u> ahead of its official September launch, has demonstrated multiple staggering results, including:

□¶4% decrease in anxiety □10% decrease in stress □8% decrease in burnout □11% increase in resilience

Pulse uses Stress and Heart Rate Variability (HRV) to objectively measure stress. It categorizes stress and ties it to specific times and events, which allows the user to decipher and identify their true causes. Beltran underscores the value of this approach, noting, "The app pinpoints stressors and can help both the



individual and the company identify if it was triggered due to something in the employee's personal life, a temporary intense workplace assignment or more macro company issues like identifying signs of a toxic workplace culture."

"The critical piece is going beyond just managing stress through meditation, exercise, diet and being aware of the root cause of your stress and tackling it head-on," Beltran continued. "This is what Fierce has been teaching for over 20 years—how to engage your environment through conversations with the goal of enriching relationships and driving to your desired results. This is what Pulse does at your fingertips."

The Features

☐ Specific Mediation to your stressors

☐Biometric analysis to increase self-awareness

Interactive Al Bot to guide you through your stressor

Optional coach support

Integration with today's top wearable devices

Integration with calendar and GPS to pinpoint stress origin

The Benefits

□ Enables users to pinpoint and eliminate stress through patented technology, breakthrough

research and interactive content and coaching

□□inks self-awareness, identifying people's toughest challenge and moving to action

□Quicker determination of issues and moves toward resolution

□ Eliminates open-ended coaching that is hard to tie to results

Determines organizational issues/themes for broader virtual or live L&D/wellness engagements

□□ Connects users directly to wellness and employee assistance programs

□□Onnects users to relevant and applicable OnDemand L&D content

Develops and increases resilience that drives economic impacts on the organization, supporting a thriving culture

□Supports EAS Compliance

Delivers results in as little as two weeks and one coaching session

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